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## Senator Brown Promotes Merit Scholar Bumper Sticker

**FRIDAY, June 27, 2003** – Sen. Cameron S. Brown, R-Fawn River Township, announced today that a new Merit Award Scholarship bumper sticker is now available to Merit Award winners in the 16<sup>th</sup> Senate District.

The bumper sticker says, "Proud Parent of a Merit Scholar Winner."

"Earning the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship is an honor that should be recognized," Brown said. "Working hard in school to earn money for a college education or vocational training provides the right message to students on the importance of academic achievement."

Parents who would like to obtain a bumper sticker may contact Sen. Brown's office by calling toll-free (866) 305-0316, or by e-mail at: sencbrown@senate.michigan.gov. Quantities are limited, and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Michigan Merit Award Scholarship Program has helped more than 140,000 students make college more affordable since 2000. The program was an initiative of former Gov. John Engler and has had a positive impact on children and families.

"The Merit Award is a program that I supported and had the privilege to vote on in my freshman year in the House," said Brown. "I have found that it has been a good encouragement to students."

The  $16^{th}$  Senate District includes the counties of Branch, Hillsdale, Lenawee and St. Joseph.